

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1356)

H.R. 3348, to reauthorize the ban on undetectable firearms. Signed on December 9, 2003. (Public Law 108-174)

H.R. 1828, to halt Syrian support for terrorism, end its occupation of Lebanon, stop its development of weapons of mass destruction, cease its illegal importation of Iraqi oil and illegal shipments of weapons and other military items to Iraq, and by so doing hold Syria accountable for the serious international security problems it has caused in the Middle East. Signed on December 12, 2003. (Public Law 108-175)

H.R. 2115, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration. Signed on December 12, 2003. (Public Law 108-176)

H.R. 2417, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. Signed on December 13, 2003. (Public Law 108-177)

H.R. 1437, to improve the United States Code. Signed on December 15, 2003. (Public Law 108-178)

H.R. 1813, to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign centers and programs for the treatment of victims of torture. Signed on December 15, 2003. (Public Law 108-179)

H.R. 3287, to award congressional gold medals posthumously on behalf of Reverend Joseph A. DeLaine, Harry and Eliza Briggs, and Levi Pearson in recognition of their contributions to the Nation as pioneers in the effort to desegregate public schools that led directly to the landmark desegregation case of *Brown et al. v. the Board of Education of Topeka et al.* Signed on December 15, 2003. (Public Law 108-180)

H.J. Res. 80, appointing the day for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Eighth Congress. Signed on December 15, 2003. (Public Law 108-181)

S. 459, to ensure that a public safety officer who suffers a fatal heart attack or stroke while on duty

shall be presumed to have died in the line of duty for purposes of public safety officer survivor benefits. Signed on December 15, 2003. (Public Law 108-182)

H.R. 2297, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Signed on December 16, 2003. (Public Law 108-183)

H.R. 3491, to establish within the Smithsonian Institution the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Signed on December 16, 2003. (Public Law 108-184)

H.J. Res. 82, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004. Signed on December 16, 2003. (Public Law 108-185)

S. 811, to support certain housing proposals in the fiscal year 2003 budget for the Federal Government, including the downpayment assistance initiative under the HOME Investment Partnership Act. Signed on December 16, 2003. (Public Law 108-186)

S. 877, to regulate interstate commerce by imposing limitations and penalties on the transmission of unsolicited commercial electronic mail via the Internet. Signed on December 16, 2003. (Public Law 108-187)

H.J. Res. 63, to approve the Compact of Free Association, as amended, between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Compact of Free Association, as amended, between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and to appropriate funds to carry out the amended Compacts." Signed on December 17, 2003. (Public Law 108-188)

H.R. 100, to restate, clarify, and revise the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940. Signed on December 19, 2003. (Public Law 108-189)

H.R. 622, to provide for the exchange of certain lands in the Coconino and Tonto National Forests in Arizona. Signed on December 19, 2003. (Public Law 108-190)

H.R. 1006, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to further the conservation of certain wildlife species. Signed on December 19, 2003. (Public Law 108-191)

H.R. 1012, to establish the Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site in the District of Columbia. Signed on December 19, 2003. (Public Law 108-192)

H.R. 2620, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000. Signed on December 19, 2003. (Public Law 108-193)

S. 686, to provide assistance for poison prevention and to stabilize the funding of regional poison control centers. Signed on December 19, 2003. (Public Law 108–194)

S. 1680, to reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950. Signed on December 19, 2003. (Public Law 108–195)

S. 1683, to provide for a report on the parity of pay and benefits among Federal law enforcement officers and to establish an exchange program between Federal law enforcement employees and State and local law enforcement employees. Signed on December 19, 2003. (Public Law 108–196)

S. 1929, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Public Health Service Act to extend the mental health benefits parity provisions for an additional year. Signed on December 19, 2003. (Public Law 108–197)

S. 1947, to prohibit the offer of credit by a financial institution to a financial institution examiner. Signed on December 19, 2003. (Public Law 108–198)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of January 21 through January 24, 2004

Senate Chamber

On *Wednesday*, at 10 a.m., Senate will resume consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2673, Agriculture Appropriations Act (Omnibus Appropriations) for debate only. At 12 noon, Senator Byrd will be recognized for up to two hours, and at 2 p.m., Senator McCain will be recognized for up to one hour.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: January 22, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine avoiding conflicts of interest at the National Institutes of Health, 9:30 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: January 22, to hold a closed briefing regarding ongoing military activities in Iraq and Afghanistan, including other areas of interest, 9:30 a.m., SR–222.

Committee on Foreign Relations: January 21, to hold hearings to examine update on North Korean Nuclear Developments and the Six-Power Talks, 9 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on the Judiciary: January 22, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Raymond W. Gruender, of Missouri, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Ricardo S. Martinez, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, Gene E. K. Pratter, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Neil Vincent Wake, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: January 22, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House Chamber

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, January 21, hearing to review the USDA's Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) Response, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, January 21, Subcommittee on Total Force, hearing on Reserve Component Healthcare: Medical Holdovers in Current and Future Deployments, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, January 21, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on the OFHEO's report of the Special Examination of Freddie Mac, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, January 21, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 2844, Continuity in Representation Act of 2003; H.R. 1997, Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 2003; H.R. 3261, Database and Collections of Information Misappropriation Act; H.R. 2391, Cooperative Research and Collections of Information Misappropriation Act; H.R. 2391, Cooperative Research and Technology Enhancement (CREATE) Act of 2003; H.R. 1073, To repeal section 801 of the Revenue Act of 1916; H.R. 1768, Multidistrict Litigation Restoration Act of 2003; H. Res. 412, Honoring the men and women of the Drug Enforcement Administration on the occasion of its 30th Anniversary; H.R. 3095, Community Recognition Act of 2003; H.R. 339, Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act; H.R. 2824, Internet Tobacco Sales Enforcement Act; and H. Res. 56, Supporting the goals of the Japanese American, German American, and Italian American communities in recognizing a National Day of Remembrance to increase public awareness of the events surrounding the restriction, exclusion, and internment of individuals and families during World War II, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, January 21, hearing on Can U.S. Companies Compete Globally Using American Workers? 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.